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SUBJ: MAJOR PROJECT: MONO RIVER HYDROELECTRIC PLANT AND IRRIGATION
PROJECT

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1. PREFEASIBILITY STUDY OF MONO RIVER'S HYDROELECTRIC
AND IRRIGATION POTENTIAL COMPLETED IN 1965. TEN YEARS
LATER, UNDP FINANCED REACTIVATION OF STUDY. 1975 REPORT,
EXECUTED BY ITAL-CONSULT, ESTIMATED TOTAL COST OF PROJECT
AT 33,542 MILLION CFA (\$152.5 MILLION AT 220 CFA/\$),
OF WHICH 24,292 MILLION CFA FOR PROJECT DESIGNED
TO IRRIGATE 42,590 HECTARES AND 9,250 MILLION
CFA FOR CONSTRUCTION OF DAM, HYDROELECTRIC
PLANT AND TRANSMISSION LINES. 1975 STUDY ESTIMATED ANNUAL
ELECTRIC PRODUCTION AT 500 MILLION KWH. HOWEVER, THESE
FIGURES NO LONGER CERTAIN.

2. AS RESULT OF MEETING HELD DURING PAST YEAR AMONG
REPRESENTATIVES OF BENIN, TOGO, UNDP, IBRD AND COMMUNAUTE
ELECTRIC DU BENIN (A BI-STATE COMPANY), IBRD AGREED
TO EXECUTE A FULL SCALE FEASIBILITY STUDY OF THE MONO
RIVER'S HYDROELECTRIC POTENTIAL. THIS STUDY ALSO WILL
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BE FINANCED BY UNDP. PRE-SELECTION OF CONSULTANTS BY HOST
GOVERNMENT, BASED ON IBRD LIST, HAS BEEN COMPLETED.
SIX FIRMS APPROVED, AMONG WHICH IS (FYI ONLY) KAISER
ENGINEERS DIVISION OF OAKLAND CALIFORNIA. WITHIN NEXT
SEVERAL WEEKS CONSULTING AWARD WILL BE MADE, AND UNDP
WILL RELEASE RESUME CONTAINING NEW TERMS OF REFERENCE
FOR PROJECT.

3. FEASIBILITY STUDY TO TAKE UP TO TWO YEARS TO COMPLETE AT THAT TIME IBRD WILL MAKE DECISION ON FINANCING OF PROJECT. IF SUBSEQUENT APPROVAL GIVEN TO HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT, FEASIBILITY STUDY ON IRRIGATION POTENTIAL MAY FOLLOW.

4. ON TOGOLESE SIDE, FOLLOWING THREE MINISTRIES INVOLVED IN STUDY: MINISTRY OF PLAN, MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS AND MINING, AND MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT. AT THE MOMENT, THERE IS NO CLEAR COORDINATING AGENCY.

5. EMBASSY WILL SUBMIT RESUME OF TERMS OF REFERENCE AND NAME OF COORDINATING AGENCY/OFFICIAL AS SOON AS AVAILABLE.

6. MEXP DIVISION MAY WISH TO PASS SUBSTANCE OF TELEGRAM TO M. K. HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF TERMS OF REFERENCE AND AWARDED OF CONTRACT NOT FINALIZED, EMBASSY REQUESTS DISCRETION IN USE OF INFORMATION. KIRKPATRICK

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